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Subject: Postcard

Painfully, we changed plans for today. It was originally intended to be a 40 mile round trip along Hole In The Rock Road, a route bearing similar driving characteristics to Notom Road. We think Nevrmor's OK but we're giving him a couple of days to prove it. I said painful because "wing it" is not in our vocabulary. But we wung it.

First stop: Anasazi State Park in Boulder, home of real ruins and fake ruins.

Real ruin.



This archeology was clearly not tourist friendly. So they built a...

Fake ruin.



Outside

Fake ruin.



Inside

There is a twenty minute movie explaining how the real ruin used to look like the fake ruin.

We left.

Second stop: Escalante Petrified Forest State Park in Escalante, UT.

If you have ever been to Petrified Forest National Park, you must definitely never visit here. There are some particularly inartful displays of petrified wood in an area near the parking lot. We especially enjoyed the one in front of the restrooms.



We hoped that the saving grace of the place would be the hiking trail.



We headed up to the main loop and discovered rocks and dust. Both in endless supply.

We trudged forward until we found a side trail called Sleeping Rainbows.



It actually had many colorful chunks of petrified wood. And some canyon vistas.

We left.

And we gratefully checked in to our next place. Tomorrow is a travel and grocery day so we may send you pictures of the breakfast aisle at Safeway.

D&S

PS – The best picture of the day was a chance shot from our balcony this morning before we left Capitol Reef.

